

Alabamians 'Dig Down' For New Luxury Tax Now In Effect; Few Exemptions Made

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 27.—The Alabama Legislature today has ended its special session after three months' work that produced more than 200 new laws at a cost of \$150,000—including a two per cent general sales tax and county option prohibition repeal.

The session, which opened November 23, came to its close at 10:13 p.m. yesterday after a merry night session marked by singing, impromptu entertainment by the members, and a harmonica solo by Jerry J. K. Todd of Tusculum, who campaigned on a mule.

His ruddy face beaming over a 100 per cent success session, Gov. Bibb Graves had this comment: "They've got better things to do than the Crimson Tide had in Rose Bowl in 1935."

Although one of the gayest closing nights, it was one of the most

RATE OF TAX LEVY

Here's what you must pay under Alabama's new two per cent sales tax that started Monday:

0 cents	1 mill
10 cents	2 mills
15 cents	3 mills
20 cents	4 mills
25 cents	5 mills
30 cents	6 mills
35 cents	7 mills
40 cents	8 mills
45 cents	9 mills
50 cents	1 cent

For every additional nickel over 50 cents in the purchase price, add one mill. On an article selling for 8 cents, you must pay 2 mills since the tax actually figures 1.6 mills. On a seven cent purchase, the tax will be one mill, for the actual amount was 1.4 mills. In other words, this means purchases of 1 and 2 cents will not be taxed, but purchases from 3 to 7 cents must pay 1 mill.

The two most far-reaching laws of the special session were the sales tax and the county option repeal, both enacted after bitter fights. The county option repeal law, providing a special election March 10 for counties to register their sentiment, was enacted into law over the Governor's veto.

The sales tax law levies, on practically all goods, a tax ranging from one-half to two per cent, depending on the value of the goods. The law also provides for the sale of certain goods, such as food, medicine, and other necessities, at a reduced rate.

The last two acts of the Legislature yesterday were passage of a proposed constitutional amendment to permit sheriffs to appoint themselves, and approval of the "jiggs" bill giving husbands the right to sue for divorce on the grounds of physical cruelty—a privilege now accorded only to the wives in Alabama.

The amendment to permit sheriffs to succeed themselves will be submitted at the May, 1938, Democratic primary—the primary in which present sheriffs probably will offer for reelection and then watch two races to see if they can win and if the amendment is ratified to validate their victory.

Proposals for legislative reform fell by the legislative trail. One proposed constitutional amendment calling for annual instead of quadrennial legislative sessions was killed in the Senate, and a companion measure for annual sessions was also defeated.

The new shop is prepared to give service on any and all kinds of tires. Miss according to Miss Byrd's statement, has studied music seriously only one year and this her first public appearance. Miss Byrd's statement, has studied music seriously only one year and this her first public appearance.

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About People and Things By C. B. McDowell

BIBBIES—Otherwise known as "Luxury Tax Tokens," "Bibbies" are trickling into Elba trade channels, but not in sufficient quantity, as yet, to put the sales tax into full force and effect, as it was supposed to be beginning on March 1st. The shiny aluminum "bibbies" about the size of a 5-cent nickel, can be bought at the rate of ten for a penny, and you can get a pocketful of the little bits for a small amount of money. Doubtless all of us will soon have difficulty in finding any real money in our pockets for being all cluttered up with the penny "bibbies."

PINING—A card received from Uncle Newt, Heath states that he is enjoying his visit with relative in Mobile, but that it is uncomfortable to sit down there. And he says he is pining for his old pal, Billy Bailey. Pat Horn, Steve Han, Levy Foley, Jim English, Jess Blocker, Will Green, Young, Jr., Crook, Uncle Joe Young and other club members with whom he has whiled away so many happy hours in Elba, Arizona trails, Madrid, Spain, State Dock, etc., do not take the place of old-time friends.

SMALL BUT BIG—To show how big a little thing can become, Elba was strikingly demonstrated recently when Foy English's fine new automobile suddenly went down. Enterprise, while he was on his way to attend the Kingston-Slocomb basketball game at Bloomburg, Va., on investigation, it was found that the trouble was confined to a knife blade, but on account of the size of the blade, it was impossible to get the part. Result: Foy has been without his car for over two weeks. What could be worse punishment than that?

IMPROVEMENTS—The drug business in Elba has been flourishing. All three of the Elba drug stores are undergoing extensive improvements. Whitman Drug Co. has installed a modern up-front prescription department and is putting in an enlarged refrigerator. Elba Drug Co. is installing a metal ceiling, painting its walls and making other repairs. Peoples Drug Store is putting the floor, walls, ceiling and the outside front will also soon receive an attractive coat of aluminum paint. Certainly the drug business must be picking up in Elba.

EASTER—Easter eggs, bunnies, etc., in the display windows remind us that Easter is near at hand. It is an old belief that we are about to have a cold spell about Easter time, which falls this year on March 28. Regardless of whether Easter should be the gladdest day of the year, as it is even more to the Christian world than does Christmas, as had Jesus been born, lived on earth and died and risen on Easter Morn, it all would have been in vain.

COMMITTEE MET HERE—The Second District High School Athletic committee met last Saturday in Elba and arranged a schedule of games for the district basketball tournament to be played in Elba. A large number of teams from the district are expected to enter. The games are anticipated. The winners will be crowned champions. The tournament will be held in Elba, and the games will be played on Saturday night. It is expected that the tournament will be a success.

W. M. S. BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM GIVEN—The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held its meeting at the church Monday afternoon for an interesting Bible study program.

The meeting was opened with a song, which was followed by the Lord's Prayer, led by Mrs. Morris Bryant.

Miss W. J. Hughes, Bible Study superintendent, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. D. C. Marley, and taught an interesting Bible study lesson from the 14th chapter of Ezekiel.

AL CLUB MEETS—The Elba Athletic Club met Friday afternoon for the second time and elected the following officers:

President—Bryan Taylor.
Vice-President—Mylan Bryant.
Secretary—Glenn Eiland.

Five members had prepared scrap books of the pure breeds of livestock on the farm. John Williams Rushing won first prize for the best one and Clarence Vaughan won second prize. A general discussion by Mr. R. G. Ellis, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, on better breeds was given. Several members chose pigs for their projects this year. John Frank Foley says that he is going to grow the best one but looks for some keen competition from other members.

NEW ADMISSION PRICES
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—10c & 26c.
FRIDAY—10c & 26c. SATURDAY—10c & 15c
SUNDAY & MONDAY—10c & 26c.
TUESDAY—11c TO ALL.

NEW ELBA THEATRE
DORSEY SEZ: SAVE ON YOUR MOTOR REPAIRS...
Whether it is a minor adjustment of a small part, or a complete overhauling, you will find that it pays to have it done by mechanics who are thoroughly trained for the work in a garage completely equipped for all and all jobs.

BLEE THROUGH

100 Girls Attended Leadership School Here Saturday; County Council Is Organized

MARCH DESIGNATED AS "GO-TO-CHURCH" MONTH
March has been designated as "Go-To-Church" month by officials of the churches of Elba. During the month it is the purpose of the movement to get every member of every congregation to attend church services. Efforts will not be confined to members alone, but every man, woman, boy and girl in the city is urged to visit a house of worship during the month.

Attendance at Sunday School and preaching services is not what it should be in a place as large as Elba, and special effort is being made to arouse interest in church going. Every congregation extends a most cordial invitation to each and every one to be present at any and all services. You will be benefited by attending and taking part in the religious activities of the community. Make a special effort to come this month.

TEMPERANCE RALLY SUN. NIGHT AT M. E. CHURCH
Rev. R. J. Haslow, pastor of the Methodist Church at Hartford, will deliver a temperance sermon at the Elba Methodist Church next Sunday night. Congregations of the other churches are invited to attend and participate in the service.

Rev. W. J. Hughes, pastor of the Elba Methodist Church, will deliver a sermon at a similar service in the Hartford Methodist Church at the same hour.

DOUBLE FOUR ROOK CLUB ENTERTAINED AT PARTY
Miss Iule Ann Bradley was hostess to the Double Four Rook Club Saturday afternoon. Early spring blossoms brightened the room.

Several progressions of the game were played, after which the club was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Arlen Bradley, served a delicious salad plate with ice-cream. Bright colored candy eggs carried out the Easter idea.

Those present were Betty Braswell, Mary Will Kendrick, Olive Ray Kendrick, Beth Dawkins, Ida Isabel Whitman, Betty Jean Bland, and invited guests, Katharine Mullins and Carolyn Russ.

COLORED WOMAN DIES
Stella Mae Carpenter, wife of Bert Carpenter, well known colored citizen of the Rocky Head community, Elba Route 1, passed away at Elba hospital in Troy Monday morning following a long illness. She was 22 years of age.

Besides the husband she leaves two sons and a daughter, her parents, three brothers and five sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. W. Gray at the home of Mrs. J. W. Kendrick.

SEE US BEFORE SELLING YOUR COUNTRY PRODUCE—City Cash Grocery has Miss Margaret Campbell visiting in Geneva during the week-end.

Mrs. J. A. Carney, Jr., and little son, Jefferson III, of Tuscaloosa, are visiting relatives in Elba for a few days.

Mrs. E. B. Stone returned to her home in Boyville, Ga., Saturday after a visit to her sister, Mrs. F. H. Murphree.

USED CAR TAG PRICE ON GRADUATED SCALE NOW
Purchasers of used cars will have the privilege of buying tags at reduced prices now, according to Chief Clerk T. D. Kendrick at the Elba Probate Office. That is to say, the price of tags on used cars bought now or which have been bought since the 15th day of November, 1936, are being offered on a graduated scale, the same as for new cars.

Purchasers of trucks will not get the benefit of any reduction until after the first of April, according to Mr. Kendrick.

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